# Planning Matrix

## Trippet Ranch Area

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<td>This area includes the proposed expanded Operations and Maintenance Area.</td>
<td>• Relocate the majority of park operations and storage to the Operations and Maintenance Area</td>
<td>• Restricted access</td>
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<td>• Moderate operations and maintenance facilities and staff residences</td>
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<td>This area contains a high concentration of significant cultural resources.</td>
<td>• Designate as a Cultural Preserve • Maintain and protect the distinct area of outstanding cultural and scientific significance • Avoid, minimize, and/or mitigate impacts on cultural and natural resources • No facilities or development other than modifications to trails, scientific research, or as needed to preserve or protect the resources • Avoid drawing attention to locations of sensitive resources • Allow for scientific research opportunities</td>
<td>Visitors will be made aware of the importance, sensitivity, and fragility of the area’s cultural resources. The majority of the interpretive and educational opportunities relating to cultural resources will be located in the Trippet Ranch Historic Zone. • Low level of use • Minimal encounter with others</td>
<td>• Hiking, biking and equestrian use on designated trails • Native American uses • Cultural site stewardship program • Minor interpretive and educational opportunities</td>
<td>• Trail system</td>
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<td>This zone includes Trippet Ranch, a historic “Gentleman’s Ranch,” which includes a ranch house, combination stable/barn, machine shop and skeet lodge.</td>
<td>• Balance the historic ranch character with modern park amenities • Restore the ranch’s original historical character • Relocate the majority of park operations and storage to the Operations/Maintenance Area</td>
<td>Visitors will be able to experience a historic Gentleman’s Ranch. Interpretative and educational facilities and programs for natural and cultural resources will also be provided. • High level of use • Frequent contact with others</td>
<td>• Interpretive and educational opportunities • Equestrian concession opportunities • Limited overnight use</td>
<td>• Interpretive and educational facilities* and programs • Trailhead • Interpretive loop trail • Parking &amp; Restrooms • Minor operations facilities/staff residence • Corrals • Picnic areas • Small group camp area for special events</td>
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<td>This zone is the southern access into the Park via Los Liones Canyon off Sunset Boulevard, allowing ease of vehicular access and parking.</td>
<td>• Restore and maintain native plant habitat • Provide trailhead into Park</td>
<td>Visitors will experience native vegetation through the development of a native plant garden and interpretive trails. Due to the ease of vehicular access, outdoor spaces and places for hands on teaching and exploring shall be emphasized. • High level of use • Frequent contact with others</td>
<td>• Interpretive and educational opportunities</td>
<td>• Interpretive loop trails • Outdoor classrooms • Native plant garden • Amphitheater • Trailhead • Parking &amp; Restrooms • Minor operation facilities/staff residences • Minor concession facilities</td>
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<td>This zone is at the northern edge of the Park along dirt Mulholland Road. This corridor serves as a crucial buffer and transition between the Park and the highly urbanized San Fernando Valley.</td>
<td>• Maintain and protect the natural character of this buffer zone • Enhance the natural buffer between the adjacent developed areas and the “wildlands” by directing visitors to gateway access points, such as a point near the Top of Reseda or Diet Mulholland road • Avoid, minimize, and/or mitigate impacts on cultural and natural resources</td>
<td>Visitors will be oriented to the Park via gateway trailheads (access points) with interpretive elements, thus becoming aware of the natural environment and setting; but development outside the Park boundaries will still be evident. • Medium level of use • Moderate contact with others</td>
<td>• Hiking, biking and equestrian use on designated trails • Overnight camping at designated campsites • Motorized equipment and vehicles allowed for park operations and maintenance</td>
<td>• Interpretive facilities* and programs • Gateway trailheads • Restrooms • Scenic overlooks • Picnic areas • Campsites</td>
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RUSTIC CANYON

This zone lies at the southern edge of Rustic Canyon between Will Rogers SHP and Camp Josepho. It contains the lone remaining barn from Josepho’s Ranch and the Will Rogers’ cabin site.

- Maintain and protect the natural character of this zone
- Avoid, minimize, and/or mitigate impacts on cultural and natural resources
- Restore the historic Josepho barn in place
- Allow for scientific research opportunities

Visitors will be introduced to the Gentleman’s Ranch story and historic ranching in general via an interpretive trail system in conjunction with Trippet Ranch and the adjoining Will Rogers State Historic Park.

- Interpretive and educational opportunities
- Hiking, biking, equestrian use on designated trails
- Low level of use
- Infrequent contact with others

- Interpretive and educational opportunities
- Hiking, biking and equestrian use on designated trails
- Camping at designated backcountry campsites
- Motorized equipment and vehicles allowed solely for park operations and maintenance
- Freestyle climbing or bouldering

- Interpretive and educational opportunities
- Hiking on designated trails
- Overnight use permitted on west side of the lagoon
- Minimal concession opportunities on east side of the lagoon
- Motorized equipment and vehicles allowed for park operations and maintenance

- Interpretive and educational opportunities
- Trail system
- Restrooms
- Pedestrian bridges over waterway where environmentally and hydrologically appropriate
- Scenic overlooks
- Campsites

- Interpretive and educational opportunities
- Hiking trails
- Overnight lodging
- Lagoon/Creek viewing platform
- Pedestrian/service bridges
- Parking and Restrooms
- Picnic area
- Minor operation facilities/staff residences

WILDLANDS

This zone is the core of the Park with its rugged terrain, mosaic habitats, and scenic vistas which reflect the ‘wild’ essence of the Park. It includes a network of trails such as the Backbone and Coastal Slope Trails. This zone will remain natural and wild with minimal development.

- Maintain and protect the natural character of these ‘wild lands’
- No development other than trails and modest backcountry camping at designated areas (includes improvements to Musch Camp)
- Avoid, minimize, and/or mitigate impacts to natural and cultural resources
- Allow for scientific research opportunities

Visitors will view and explore rugged ridgelines, the vast Pacific Ocean, ancestral oak woodlands, shady stream-fed canyon bottoms, and rolling grassland-savannahs.

- Medium level of use
- Infrequent contact with others

- Interpretive and educational opportunities
- Hiking, biking and equestrian use on designated trails
- Camping at designated backcountry campsites
- Motorized equipment and vehicles allowed solely for park operations and maintenance
- Freestyle climbing or bouldering

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LOWER TOPANGA

This zone includes areas along Pacific Coast Highway to the east and west of the mouth of Topanga Creek, a strip along Topanga Canyon Boulevard, and an area proposed for park staff housing.

- Protect existing natural and cultural resources
- Avoid, minimize and/or mitigate impacts on the natural and cultural resources
- Complete adequate recontouring, evaluation, and appropriate mitigation prior to alteration or removal of the motel
- Evaluate opportunities for adaptive reuse of the motel buildings and, if feasible, incorporate into future park development
- Minimize the current structural clutter to create a visual and physical gateway to the Park
- Provide trail connection between the coast and the Park interior
- Allow for scientific research opportunities

Visitors will be able to view a major creek/lagoon restoration effort, while becoming aware of the Park’s many natural and cultural resources. Visual enhancements will include improving and protecting the scenic corridor along Topanga Canyon Boulevard.

- Low level of use
- Frequent contact with others

- Interpretive and educational opportunities
- Hiking on designated trails
- Overnight use permitted on west side of the lagoon
- Minimal concession opportunities on east side of the lagoon (minimal structures)
- Motorized equipment and vehicles allowed for park operations and maintenance

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- Trail system
- Restrooms
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- Scenic overlooks
- Campsites

- Interpretive and educational opportunities
- Hiking trails
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- Lagoon/Creek viewing platform
- Pedestrian/service bridges
- Parking and Restrooms
- Picnic area
- Minor operation facilities/staff residences

WATERSHED

This zone contains the Topanga Creek Watershed, one of the few publicly owned watersheds remaining in Southern California, and home to the endangered southern steelhead trout.

- Restore, maintain and protect the natural character of this zone, especially the riparian vegetation and wildlife corridor
- Avoid, minimize, and/or mitigate impacts on the natural and cultural resources
- No development or modifications other than infrastructure that will improve the wildlife corridor, specifically to preserve the steelhead population
- Habitat manipulation only permitted to preserve the unique species or characteristics which constitute the basis of the zone
- Allow for scientific research opportunities

Visitors will develop an appreciation of wildlife, plants, and geological features as they are guided along a developed trail system. They will learn about the ongoing restoration of the steelhead population and its link to the watershed.

- Medium level of use
- Infrequent contact with others

- Interpretive and educational opportunities
- Hiking, biking and equestrian use on designated trails
- Minimal vehicle access allowed on designated Park roads
- Motorized equipment and vehicles allowed for park operations and maintenance

- Interpretive and educational opportunities
- Hiking, biking and equestrian use on designated trails
- Camping at designated backcountry campsites
- Motorized equipment and vehicles allowed solely for park operations and maintenance
- Freestyle climbing or bouldering

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- Parking and Restrooms
- Picnic area
- Minor operation facilities/staff residences

LAGOON

This zone contains the lower reach of Topanga Creek and the remnant lagoon. It is home to the endangered southern steelhead trout and tidewater goby.

- Optimize lagoon restoration via a cooperative process with appropriate agencies and groups
- Maintain and enhance the natural character of the zone, especially the riparian vegetation and wildlife corridor
- Avoid, minimize, and/or mitigate impacts on the natural and cultural resources
- No development or modifications other than infrastructure that will improve the lagoon wildlife corridor, specifically the steelhead and tidewater goby populations
- Allow for scientific research opportunities

Visitors will be made aware of the importance, sensitivity, and fragility of the natural resources in the lagoon, Topanga Creek, and the park in general.

- Low level of use
- Minimal encounters with others

- Interpretive and educational opportunities
- Hiking, biking and equestrian use on designated trails
- Minimal vehicle access allowed on designated Park roads
- Motorized equipment and vehicles allowed for park operations and maintenance

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- Hiking, biking and equestrian use on designated trails
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- Hiking trails
- Overnight lodging
- Lagoon/Creek viewing platform
- Pedestrian/service bridges
- Parking and Restrooms
- Picnic area
- Minor operation facilities/staff residences

- Interpretive and educational facilities* and programs
- Hiking trails
- Self-contained vault toilet
- Pedestrian/service bridge over waterway where environmentally and hydrologically appropriate

*Interpretive and Educational Facilities include exhibits, trails, panels, media, etc.